

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

3:13 p.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Representative Sheen moved to adopt the minutes of the **June 7, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Pearce**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Stahl laid **HB 5908** and **HB 5909 (H-1)** (adopted on June 7, 2006) before the committee:

HB 5908	Stahl	Children; adoption; objection to placements by child placing agency based on religious or moral convictions; allow.
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HB 5909	Hummel	Children; adoption; licensure of child placing agency that objects to placements on religious or moral grounds; allow.
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TESTIMONY

Christine Timmons, representing the Jewels of Knowledge, submitted a card in support of the bills.

Shelli Weisberg, representing the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), submitted a card in opposition to the bills.

Jay Kaplan, representing the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), submitted written testimony in opposition to the bills.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to report **HB 5908** with recommendation. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-2-2**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,

Nays: Representatives Clack and Lemmons, Jr.,

Pass: Representatives Spade and Polidori.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to report **HB 5909** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-2-2**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,

Nays: Representatives Clack and Lemmons, Jr.,

Pass: Representatives Spade and Polidori.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Representative John Stahl, Chair

House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services

Malika Abdur-Rashid

Committee Clerk

517/373-7256

15 Minutes